



## WELCOME ~ JUNE 23, 2024

*We are glad you've joined us for worship today. If you are visiting with us today may you discover a friendly church, a safe haven where you will be loved and accepted; where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask questions, and grow in your faith. May The First Congregational Church, Canton Center help you find God's compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy in our worship service and where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries. We hope to get to know you as a new friend and invite you to fill out a visitor card. No matter who you are, or where you are in your journey, you are welcome here.*

*The flowers this morning are given by Roger Burdick in loving memory of his parents, Ethel and Walter Burdick and their granddaughter Jennie Burdick.*

*We welcome back this morning, our substitute organist Asher Scarlato.*

**Today- Strawberry Festival-** Come enjoy our Annual Strawberry Festival today.

**FOCUS - Center for Autism, in Parish Hall - This Wednesday, June 26,** Pastor Kurt has welcomed a panel discussion to take place in the Parish Hall presented by FOCUS Center for Autism. Pastor Kurt encourages and welcomes you to join us and learn about people on the spectrum and the inner workings of what the Center does working with individuals. This is not only getting to know about FOCUS but the inauguration of our quest to welcome at a future date a meet and greet of the people they serve. It is also the start of offering other events similar to the panel discussion with the mission of Beanz Restaurant (helping people with intellectual disabilities finding work), FAVARH, and Oak Hill School. My hope and prayer is to help integrate their clientele with our congregation as often people living and/or working in these venues do not have the advantages of social interaction within their communities. Simply put, reaching out as neighbors for a meet & greet as one might do for a street block party so people get to know their neighbors.

**Mission & Outreach -** The Missions Box collection will be for the children served by Wellmore. Backpacks & School Supplies: **pencils, pens, markers (non-permanent), colored pencils, crayons, binders, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, colorful folders including pocket folders, glue sticks, blunt scissors, tape, rulers, etc...** any supplies a child would need.

**The Tarins (Afghan family that we helped)** -The VFW has invited everyone to a pot luck picnic to celebrate the Afghan family on Sunday, June 30th. See flyer on the bulletin board.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We gather as a welcoming community in worship, learning, service and fellowship to embody Christ's message of love, compassion and justice. Joining faith with action, both within and beyond our church, we strive to build a community that serves all.*

*An Open and Affirming Church*

## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024 (3-7 pm)



SHORTCAKE WITH REAL WHIPPED CREAM

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Beverages

Eat In or Take Out Available

## Summer Worship

### JULY SERVICES

will take place at

**The Canton Community  
Baptist Church**

125 Down Avenue

and we will host August.

### Continued Prayers for:

*Daniel Palmeri, who has lung cancer and needs chemo and a lung removed.*  
*Daryl Haberern & family for a medical procedures on July 8 of a family member.*  
*Mary Lou as she is recovering.*

### Continued Joy for:

*Kate Kaplan who has received a clean cat scan for her ovarian cancer. (Dan LeGeyt)*  
*Martha and we thank you for all of your support. (Paul Stansel)*  
*Appreciation for all the assistance given for Winifred's Service. (Hollace Bristol)*

Sunday 23	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28	Saturday 29
Worship 10am Strawberry Festival 3-7 pm	A/A-Anon 7 pm	AA 7 pm	FOCUS Panel Discussion 6:00 pm			AA 11:00 pm